



State Auditor Tom Wagner Announces 2003 Auditors Office Employee of the Year

DOVER - State Auditor Tom Wagner announced today that Damien Lewis, a Smyrna native and 7-year employee of the Office of Auditor of Accounts, has been named the 2003 Auditors Office Employee of the Year.

Initially hired as a high school intern, Damien quickly proved his value to the Office time and time again. His initial contributions to the office included work on numerous office projects and initiatives, including doing some field audit work. Upon completion of his internship, Damien was offered the opportunity to come on-board with the Office on a part-time basis while attending college full-time at the University of Delaware.

In early 1999, because of Damien's obvious skill and interest in computers and technology, Damien was tapped to help the Office on a full-time basis in preparing for Y2K compliance. An obvious natural with computers, Damien worked with the Office's Network Administrator to support and maintain the Office's networking systems, all while attending college full-time. He never missed a beat, often arriving at work as early as 4:30 AM to ensure that all computer systems were in proper working order along with assisting various employees with technological issues and providing the necessary technical support to the professional audit staff.

While attending school and working full-time, Damien had the fortitude to take on yet another challenge. In 2002, Damien began studying with the hopes of becoming a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). In order to obtain certification as a CISA, one must take a 10-part exam, passing each part in the same sitting. Later that year, Damien passed all 10 sections of the exam and was awarded his CISA. Currently, there are only 3 CISA's working for the State of Delaware, and Damien is the only one who passed this rigorous exam on his first attempt.

Currently, Damien works as an Auditor III with the IT Audit Section of our Office. His immense knowledge of countless computer related applications coupled with his uncanny knowledge of State government made Damien an easy choice for Employee of the Year.